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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated August 14, 2007, for which a Notice of Appeal is due November 14, 2007. It is noted that this amendment is being filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the final rejection. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in the belief that they place the application in condition of allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal.

Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.

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